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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Attorney Docket No. Curtin 17

First Named Inventor Steven D. Curtin

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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

## ADDRESS TO:

Assistant Commissioner for Patent  
Box Patent Application  
Washington, DC 20231

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)

(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)

2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.

See 37 CFR 1.27

3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 17]

(preferred arrangement set forth below)

- Descriptive title of the invention
- Cross Reference to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
- Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
- Background of the invention
- Brief Summary of the invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 3]

5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages ]

a. ☒ Newly executed (original or copy)b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))

(for continuation/division with Box 19 completed)

c. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)

Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)

6. ☐ Application Data Sheet See 37 CFR 1.767. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or

Computer Program (Appendix)

8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission

(if applicable, all necessary)

a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)

b. Specification Sequence Listing on

☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or ☐ paperc. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATIONS PARTS

9. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☒ Power of Attorney

(when there is an assignee)

11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)

(Should be specifically itemized)

15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)

(if foreign priority is claimed)

16. ☐ Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i)

Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent

17. ☐ Other

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76

☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No. \_\_\_\_\_

Prior application information: Examiner \_\_\_\_\_

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